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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24

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- 1. AMB SCALI CALLED CHAIRMAN SALIM JUST BEFORE COMITE OF 24 MEETING BEGAN AFTERNOON AUG 21. HE URGED THAT COMITE TAKE NO ACTION ON PUERTO RICO WHICH WOULD AROUSE US AND PUERTO RICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND MIGHT, AS ONE UNFORTUNATE SIDE EFFECT, COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO SECURE CONGRESSIONAL REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT. SALIM THEN AGREED TO TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR DELAY IN ORDER TO PERMIT ONE FURTHER EFFORT TO REACH CONSENSUS, IF MEMBERS OF COMITE MOVED FOR POSTPONEMENT.
- 2. WHEN MEETING REACHED PUERTO RICAN ITEM, CHILE, SUPPORTED BY IRAQ, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF HEARING PUERTO RICANS. ETHIOPIA AND IVORY COAST SAID MORE TIME NEEDED FOR CONSULTATIONS AND RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME GOVTS. AT THIS POINT, SALIM SAID THESE VIEWS NOT CONTRADICTORY AND SECURED COMITE AGREEMENT TO POSTPONEMENT.
- 3. COMITE HAS SCHEDULED ITS NEXT MEETING FOR AFTERNOON AUG 22 AND ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL DECIDE THEN ON WHETHER TO GRANT HEARING. MUCH FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD IS POSSIBLE COMITE RES ON PR WHEN CURRENT DEBATE ENDS NEXT WEEK. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. COMMENT: COMPROMISE (REPORTED REFTEL) WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED PUERTO RICANS TO "PRESENT DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL" BUT NOT SPEAK TO COMITE AT THIS SESSION NOW APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SABOTAGED BY INTRASIGENCE OF CHILEANS AND IRAQIS. WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF COMITE OPPOSED TO HEARING PUERTO RICANS, RPOPOSAL FOR A HEARING WILL WIN IF PUT TO VOTE. OUR ONLY HOPE AT THIS POINT IS TO PERSUADE AMB SALIM THAT COMITE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY NOT GRANTING HEARING. THIS OBVIOUSLY PRESUPPOSES OUR HAVING AN INVITATION FOR VISITING MISSION TO GUAM TO OFFER HIM IN RETURN. IN ANY CASE, PROSPECTS OF AVOIDING HEARING ARE NOW VERY DIM. SCALI

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